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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/590,211
Filed: August 22, 2006
Title: Methods for Genetic Diversification in Gene Conversion
Active Cells
Applicants: Jean-Marie BUERSTEDDE *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 21027.002/P30753US00

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Second Preliminary Amendment; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 21027.002. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Second Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, applicants request the following amendment be made to the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.